

WATER CONSERVATION LANDSCAPING

PARK STRIP PLANTING PROJECT

Demonstration of San Joaquin Valley Friendly planting as an alternative to lawn in Water Division park strip.



Location:

City of Fresno Water
Division offices

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Examples of Park Strip Plants follow:

WATER DIVISION PARK STRIP PLANT

ALL PLANTS REQUIRE LITTLE TO MODERATE AMOUNTS OF WATER, AND FULL SUN TO LIGHT SHADE. MOST ARE VERY EASY TO GROW IF THE SOIL DRAINS WELL.



1. ROMNEYA COULTERI, MATILIJA POPPY - A California native shrubby perennial growing 6 - 8 ft. or taller, spreading by rhizomes. Flowers resemble giant-sized fried eggs, with white papery petals and golden stamen. Foliage is grayish green. Can become invasive.



2. NERIUM OLEANDER, DWARF RED OLEANDER - An evergreen shrub growing to 3 - 4 ft. tall and as wide, with bright red flower clusters in summer. It is very hardy. All plant parts are poisonous.



3. DIETES IRIDIODES, FORTNIGHT LILY - An iris like plant with fans of stiff, narrow evergreen leaves. It forms dense, long-lasting clumps 2 - 3 ft. tall, with flower stalks to 3 ft. Flowers resemble small Japanese Irises.



4. HESPERALOE PARVIFLORA, RED YUCCA

A perennial with clumps of narrow evergreen leaves having threadlike fringe along the edges. Blooms late Spring through midsummer with many tubular flowers on tall branches. Native to Texas and New Mexico. Flower stalk grows to 5 ft., leaves to 3 - 4 ft. tall.

5. PHORMIUM TENAX, NEW ZEALAND FLAX - A dramatic perennial native to New Zealand having many sword-like evergreen leaves that grow in a fan pattern. Tubular flowers come in late spring or early summer. Plant high if in poor draining soil to prevent crown rot.



6. NANDINA DOMESTICA 'NANA,' DWARF HEAVENLY BAMBOO - An evergreen shrub to 2 feet tall by 2 - 3 ft. wide, with coarse purplish green leaves in summer, turning bright red in winter, slow growing reliable plant.

VARIETY OF FILLER PLANTS:

7. *LAVENDULA ANGUSTIFOLIA* 'HIDCOTE,' ENGLISH

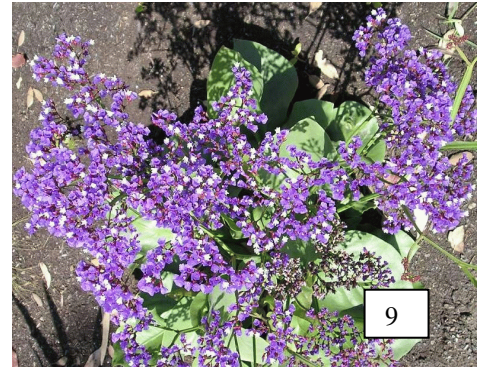
LAVENDER - A small gray evergreen aromatic shrub native to the Mediterranean region. Flowers can be used to scent perfume, soap, sachets, etc. grows 1 ½ - 2 ft. tall.



8. BEARDED IRIS, VARIED - A perennial with sword-like leaves, grown from rhizomes. Beautiful flowers come in nearly all colors.



9. LIMONIUM, STATICE, SEA LAVENDER - A perennial with large leathery green basal leaves contrasting with airy clusters of tiny delicate flowers on nearly leafless, many-branched stems.



10. OSTEOSPERMUM FRUTICOSUM (DIMORPHTHECA FRUTICOSA), AFRICAN DAISY - A perennial native to South Africa, growing 6 -12 inches tall by 2 - 4 ft. wide with a trailing form. Has a profusion of lilac daisy-like flowers over a long season, especially during cooler weather.



11. COREOPSIS - A perennial member of the sunflower family, growing 1 - 2 ft. Tall and 3 ft. Wide. Blooms profusely with yellow, orange, maroon or reddish flowers. Very easy to grow.



12. EXISTING OAKS, CHINESE TALLOW TREE

